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Zoning ordinance adopted

Historic day in county

BY ED LEPOMA

The Board of Supervisors made history Monday, approving a countywide comprehensive zoning ordinance amid little fanfare and token opposition.

The sweeping legislation that proponents contend will protect all property owners and result in escalating property values throughout the county was passed by a 4-1 vote.

Even District 2 Supervisor Rocky Pullman, who voted against the ordinance, conceded, "I think the county needs some form of zoning, whether it needs this particular one, time will tell."

Passage of the landmark ordinance came at the supervisors' first meeting of the new year. An Echo story in Sunday's edition notifying residents of supervisors' intentions to pass the ordinance did not bring out a large turnout of opponents.

The action culminated almost two years of research and planning that went into the actual wording of the text and designation of zoning boundaries. The final product was a joint

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Local leaders pleased

BY RICHARD MEEK

Community leaders greeted with encouragement, and in some cases elation, the news that the Hancock County Board of Supervisors had adopted a comprehensive zoning ordinance.

"I'm elated," said Hal Walters, who as executive director of the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission serves as the county's point man in economic development.

"It's a tremendous opportunity for the county to move forward," Walters said. "I think a lack of zoning and (building) codes has held the county back dramatically. The ordinance is

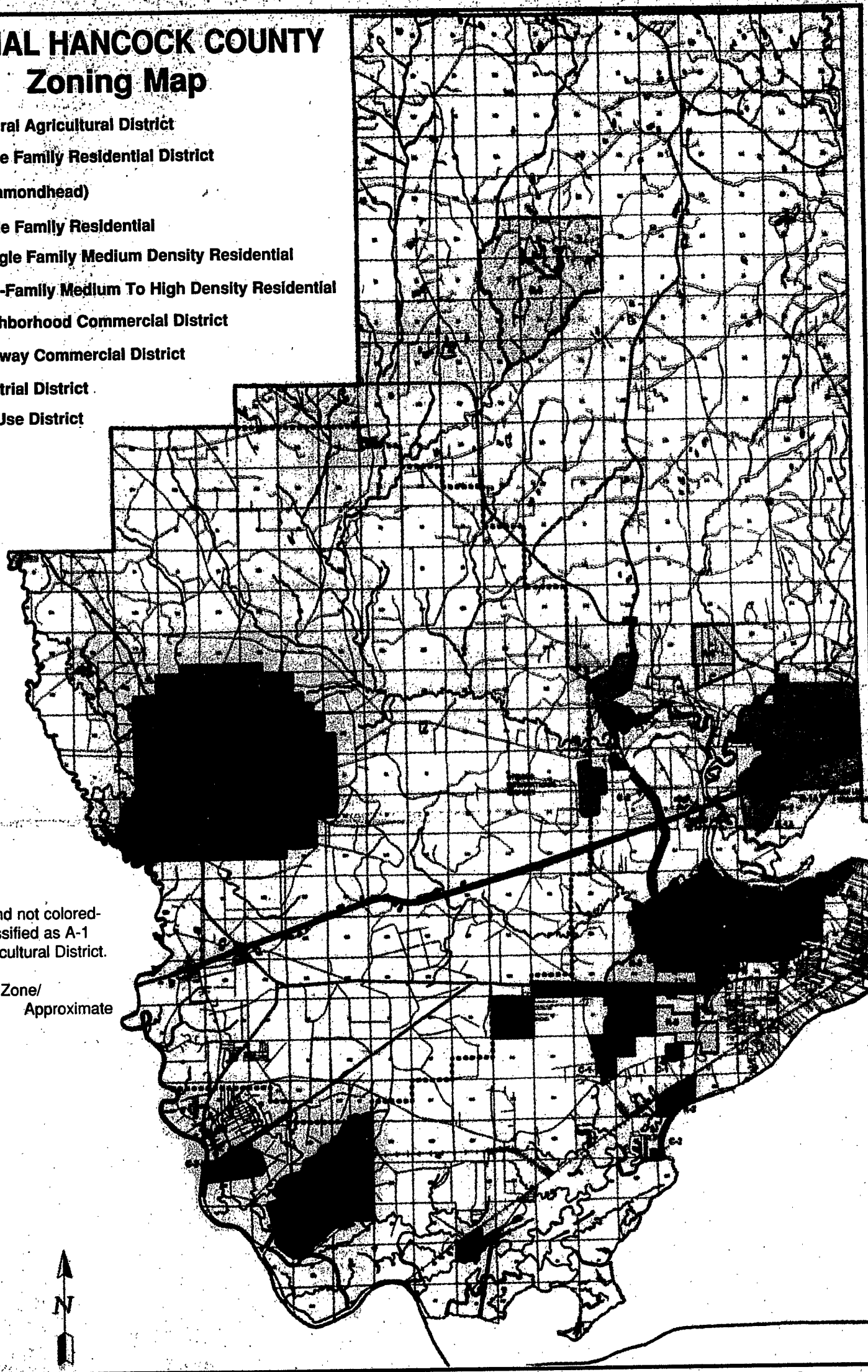
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OFFICIAL HANCOCK COUNTY Zoning Map

- A-1 General Agricultural District
- R-1 Single Family Residential District
- R-1A (Diamondhead)
- R-2 Single Family Residential
- R-2A Single Family Medium Density Residential
- R-3 Multi-Family Medium To High Density Residential
- C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District
- C-2 Highway Commercial District
- I-1 Industrial District
- Special Use District

Notes: All land not colored-coded is classified as A-1 General Agricultural District.

..... Buffer Zone/
Approximate



Hancock County's first-ever comprehensive zoning ordinance was passed by the Board of Supervisors last Monday. Supervisors and planners say the regulations will

provide for orderly growth in the county and prevent neighbors from infringing on other's property rights. (Map courtesy Southern Mississippi Planning and Development Commission)

Bay High track nears completion

BY RICHARD MEEK

Construction of a \$300,000 track facility at Bay High is finally creeping into its final stages, nearly eight months after the scheduled completion date.

A dispute over an additional \$35,000, the final hurdle to be

Artigues said Southwest Recreational, the Texas firm constructing the eight-lane track, had submitted an invoice, or change order, for an additional \$35,000.

Artigues and board members objected to the change order, and refused to pay.

"Southwest did not hold up their end of the bargain. They had a problem at their end with planning and figuring. I had no idea it would take this long. It has been extremely frustrating. It's been a sore subject

cleared for completion of the troubled project, has apparently been resolved, according to Ronnie Artigues Jr., attorney for the Bay St. Louis Waveland School District.

Southwest Recreation then refused to stripe the surface. The only remaining work to be completed on the polymer synthetic surface.

TRACK

Trustee meeting

School District has rescheduled the regular January meeting from Jan. 14 to Jan. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held at Pass Christian Elementary School.

Reminder

The Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission will have its regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 13 at 2 p.m.

TIDES

DAY	HIGH	LOW
Sun.	12:37 a.	12:15 p.
Mon.	1:58 a.	12:11 p.
Tues.	2:09 a.	11:30 a.
Wed.	1:14 p.	9:51 a.
Thur.	7:13 p.	7:08 a.

OBITUARIES

LEFFIE FOUNTAIN SR.
PATRICIA GEORGE
YVONNE N. HAGAN
MARY ALICE HALL
SOPHIE DUREL HERLIHY
JOSEPH MURROW
GERTRUDE A. SCHMIDT
ANN C. TORGERSEN
HEARLY WATKINS
SAMUEL WILBOURN

LEFFIE FOUNTAIN SR.
Leffie Hugh Fountain Sr., 87, of Pascagoula, died Sunday, Jan. 5, 1997, in Pascagoula. Mr. Fountain was born April 27, 1909 in Seminary. He was a retired shipfitter with Ingalls Shipbuilding and was a Methodist.

Survivors include his wife, Lori Fountain of Moss Point; a son, Leffie Hugh Fountain Jr. of Pascagoula; a daughter, Linda Fountain McKay of Bay St. Louis; four stepdaughters, Catherine Scovell of Bassville, Rosella Emmerson, Eunice Martin, both of Pascagoula, and Patricia Donald of Saucier; a stepson, Craig Bailey of Moss Point; five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and seven stepgrandchildren.

Services were conducted Wednesday at Holder-Wells Funeral Home in Moss Point. Burial was in Griffin Cemetery.

PATRICIA GEORGE
Patricia George, 64, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, Jan. 6, 1997, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. George was an artist who grew up in western Pennsylvania and lived for many years in Canfield, Ohio, where she made a name for herself as maker of colorful patchwork quilts, a teacher of quilting classes and a designer of needlework kits. In 1984 she moved to Slidell. Shortly thereafter she was lured by the people and beauty of Bay St. Louis and opened a shop selling painted furniture with faux finishes. She also created twig furniture

and fanciful birdhouse sculptures.

Survivors include her husband, Rick; a sister, Evadna; daughters Linda, Ann, Betty, Ellen and Kate; sons Mike and Jon and six grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted 2 p.m. today at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis where friends may call one hour before services.

MARY ALICE HALL
Mrs. Mary Alice Hall, 52, of Kiln, died Friday, Jan. 3, 1997, in Jackson. Mrs. Hall was a native of Jacksonville, N.C.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Jenny Cromer; her father, Johnny Morton; and her mother, Effie Morton Barrington.

Survivors include her husband, George W. Hall of Kiln; four sons, Robert Cromer, Jesse Cromer, Richard Cromer, all of Kiln, and Henry Cromer of Malvern, Ark.; a brother, Bobby Morton of Jacksonville, N.C.; a sister, Elizabeth Ann Robinson of Arcadia, Fla.; six stepsons, Joseph Hall, George Hall, both of Walker, La., Clyde Hall of Kiln, James Hall, Chris Hall, both of Sparta, N.C. and David Hall a stepdaughter, Diane Hall Ray, both of Ashboro, N.C.; and nine stepgrandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted Monday at St. Joseph Cemetery at Rotten Bayou.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

SOPHIE DUREL HERLIHY
Mrs. Sophie Durel Herlihy, 89, of Bay St. Louis, died Sunday, Jan. 5, 1997, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Herlihy was a native of New Orleans and a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis. She was the former owner of Herlihy's Mercantile and The Tot

Shoppes.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred L. Herlihy; her parents, Tobin H. Underwood Sr. and Sophie Durel Underwood; her stepmother, Jehane Durel Underwood; her brother, Tobin H. Underwood Jr.; and a sister, Jehane Underwood McQueen.

Survivors include two daughters, Betty Herlihy Gabriel of Gulfport and Kathleen Herlihy Asher of Bay St. Louis; a sister, Fannie Underwood Knight of Metairie; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Tuesday evening at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

Mass was celebrated Wednesday at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis. Burial was in Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

JOSEPH MURROW
Joseph Murrow, 95, of Bay St. Louis, died Sunday, Jan. 5, 1997, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Murrow was a native of Franklin, N.C. and a longtime resident of Bay St. Louis, where he was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Combie Scruggs; and his wife, Vivian Thompson Murrow.

Survivors include two daughters, Nora M. Williams of Bay St. Louis and Camille M. Peterson of Dayton, Ohio; a brother-in-law, Stanley F. Thompson of Gulfport; and a sister-in-law, Elva L. Thompson of Gulfport; four grandchildren and seven great-

Worship service set

Fenton Community Church in Pass Christian, as part of its first official worship service, will have Debbie Horton performing a monologue entitled "Building the Body of Christ through His Power."

The service will begin at 10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 12 and will be conducted in the church sanctuary located corner Edwin Lader and Kiln-DeLisle roads.

Horton is a registered nurse and is currently working on a contractual basis for the Mississippi State Health Department. She is a member of the Robinson Road Baptist Church and teaches youths. She resides in Gulfport with her husband Ben and their two children.

Additionally, FCC will hold an open house at the church's location the day before, on Saturday, between 2 and 4 p.m. Dr. Carl W. Miller, pastor of FCC, extends an invitation to all to attend both events.

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Daddy, it's been eight long years since God called you home to live with him, but now I know you are happy. You've got Mama with you.

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I love you and Mama very much. Sadly missed
By Diane and Family

grandchildren.

Visitation will be Friday, Jan. 10, 9-10 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Bay St. Louis, followed by funeral services at the church. Burial will be in Gulf Pines Memorial Cemetery in Long Beach.

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Pro-life service

The Mississippi Pro-Life Prayer Memorial Service by Candlelight will be Saturday, Jan. 18 at 5:30 p.m. The event is to mark the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. It will be held next to the Gulf Coast Women's Clinic on Three Rivers Road in Gulfport.

Parking will be at Temple Baptist Church, Dedeaux Road just south of the abortion clinic.

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Thoughts for meditation:
Don't let yesterday's failures bankrupt today's efforts.

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed. The Lord works out everything for His own ends.

Prov. 16:3-4
Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Heb. 13:8
Dear Lord, my world has turned upside down. Everything is so uncertain and frightening. I am thankful for Your unchanging love and constant support. Amen.

If you live for the next world, you get this one in the deal; but if you live only for this world you lose them both.

—C. S. Lewis
If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world and yet lose or forfeit his very self?

Luke 9:23-25
Anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty never grows old.

—Franz Kafka
One thing I ask of the Lord this is what I see: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.

Psalm 27:4
He who finds no fault in himself needs a second opinion.

He who listens to a life-giving rebuke will be at home among

the wise.

Proverbs 5:30

CCD classes for children attending public school are held each Monday from 2:45-5:45 p.m. in the parish hall.

Monday, Jan. 13, there will be a RCIA organizational meeting at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome and invited to attend.

CIO members meet in the parish hall each Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All parish teens are invited to join this active group.

A pre-baptism class is scheduled at St. Ann's Thursday, Jan. 16. We would like to thank everyone who helped with Father Winters' anniversary party, which was a huge success.

Congratulations and best wishes to Richard Dietrich and Heather Crockett on their marriage this weekend.

Congratulations are also in order for newly elected Altar Society officers, including Isabel Crais, president; Mamie O'Quinn, vice president; Polly Smith, secretary; and Shirley Williams, treasurer.

If you cannot lift the load off the back of another, do not walk away. Try to lighten it.

—Tuger
Heaven gives us friends to bless the present scenes.

—Edward Young

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Road paving bond challenged

BY ED LEFOMA

A former Hancock County supervisor and Waveland resident has filed a formal challenge to the present Board's intent to float a \$6 million bond issue to pave all roads in the county.

Jerry Ladner came before the Board of Supervisors Monday, and said he had a petition signed "by about 1666 citizens" who are seeking a vote on the bond issue.

"I could have gotten 3,000," Ladner claimed, "but, it was the holidays when I started the drive."

Supervisors advertised their intent to issue the bonds in several issues of the Echo, and by law, Ladner had until Jan. 6 to collect the signatures needed to challenge the bond issue.

In order to call for the issue to

be placed on the ballot for a special election, a petitioner must obtain signatures of at least 20 percent of registered voters or 1,500, whichever is smaller. The county has approximately 34,000 residents but only about 26,000 are registered voters.

Ladner rebutted supervisors who have claimed he was opposed to the road bonds, zoning, a county landfill and almost everything else they have proposed.

"I want to work with you. I don't have anything against you-all," said Ladner, "but, the people do not want this bond issue."

Ladner said he understood the Hancock County School District was considering a bond issue in order to build more schools.

"I'm not opposed to that," said

Ladner.

District 1 Supervisor Jeep Ladner shot back: "You're not against building schools, but these (road) funds would be used to improve the dirt roads that school buses ride our children over every day. It is a dangerous situation out there, and this will make the roads safer for all our children."

Circuit Clerk Pam Metzler now has the job of verifying all the signatures on the petition filed by Ladner. Some may be thrown out because they are not registered voters. There might also be duplicate signatures. Other residents who have signed the petition might ask to have their name crossed off.

Metzler said verification of signatures was underway Tuesday, and she was probably re-

port her findings to supervisors at their recess meeting in mid January.

At the meeting and later, Board President Philip Moran reiterated that supervisors "honestly feel there will be enough funds generated from (property) reappraisal that we won't have to raise taxes."

"It's a fact that taxes will go up due to state-ordered reappraisal," said Moran. Ladner argued that supervisors could counteract any tax hike by lowering the millage assessed on property.

Moran said, "Timing is everything, and now's the time to do it." He said the Board of Supervisors ran on a pledge to improve the area's infrastructure in order to attract more industry and people into Hancock County.

Bay attempting to secure funding for nature center

BY BETSY GAGNET

Following the lead of a local community organization, Bay St. Louis will try to obtain Tidelands funds to create a nature center at the end of North Beach Boulevard near Casino Magic and the public boat launch.

The Bay St. Louis Community Association submitted an application to the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources for Tidelands Funds to create "The Nature Connection of Bay St. Louis".

Community Association Chairman Richard McCollough told the Council at Monday's workshop the Association was seeking the City's endorsement, but would be happy to have the City take over the application and the project.

At Tuesday's meeting the Council passed a Resolution of Intent to take over the project application changing the name of the sponsor to the City of Bay St. Louis.

The previously submitted application was for \$475,000 to buy some 25 acres to be used for observation of plant and animal life in estuarine and marine environments.

Basically, the project would leave the land intact, but provide opportunities to study, view and experience the natural plant and animal life.

McCollough explained that although the application was submitted, it was incomplete in not naming a requesting agency nor a project manager.

"I think we were rejected (for funding) because of an incomplete application," he said.

An artist's conception of the project shows two crossing walkways going out into the wetlands as well as a Nature Center Building located on North Beach Boulevard.

The land is currently owned by Gaming Corporation of America (GCA) and is bordered by the Bay and the Casino Magic golf course.

The land was recently put on the market, but did not sell.

Meetings changed

BY BETSY GAGNET

The Bay St. Louis City Council cancelled its Jan. 20 and 21 workshop and meeting.

The cancellation is due to observation of Martin Luther King Day on Jan. 20 and a scheduling conflict with the Mississippi Municipalities Association Mid-Winter Conference to be attended by several Councilmen and Mayor Eddie Favre.

The Waveland Board of Aldermen has rescheduled its Jan. 20 workshop to Jan. 21 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

The Waveland regular meeting remains set for Jan. 22.

The application sought funds for acquisition of the land, but the cost and availability have not been determined.

Several months ago Councilman Tad Black asked the city attorney, Donald Rafferty, to determine if GCA was interested in donating the land to the City or in using it for wetlands mitigation. As of Tuesday's meeting, no response had been received.

McCollough said the idea for the project and application was spawned by Black's inquiry to Rafferty in combination with a newspaper ad he read concerning the deadline for submitting Tidelands Funds applications.

Black said he was excited about the project.

"If I have anything to do with it, the City will pursue it (the project)," Black said.

The City will now study the project and the application to determine what steps have to be taken before the submission deadline for 1999 funding.

"We need to verify eligibility and then we can get everyone involved that we need to," Mayor Eddie Favre said.

Councilman Jim Thrifflay asked that the City issue a letter of commendation to McCollough and the Community Association for the work that was done on the project.

The City submitted its own application for \$675,000 in Tidelands Funds for construction of a new Ulman Street pier.

Additionally, the City is waiting for a legislative determination on whether its previously awarded \$375,000 in Tidelands Funds can be transferred to the pier project.

The funds had been awarded for an access ramp and parking lot project which has been abandoned.

If the transfer is approved and the new application awarded, the Ulman Street pier project will come in at \$1,000,000.

In other matters, the City awarded Southland Enterprises, Inc. the contract for putting a slurry seal on Sunset and Suebe Streets. Southland's bid was \$19,000.

A change order for \$11,870 was approved on the Senior Citizen's Center for aluminum sidewalk covers and a canopy.

A request was made by Councilman Thrifflay to place steps going down to the beach, giving access to the beach in the Main Street area.

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New Year's Eve safe

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CUEVAS QUOTES

By Ellis C. Cuevas

During the past three years many dedicated residents of the area have been donating time and money for the construction of the Scott Dembois Soccer Complex.

I have personally visited the area and have seen Tom Dembois and other volunteers working shovels and wheelbarrows to remove stumps, rocks, etc., in preparation for the playing fields.

Business people, families, individuals, Hancock County Board of Supervisors, the cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland have all made great contributions towards the soccer complex.

It has been a long haul and very hard work, and now the fruits of the efforts are really beginning to show.

If everything goes as planned, the first tournament, sponsored by RAYS, is set for the coming Spring.

This will bring visitors to our area from across the state and add to our economy.

Al Jensen, a member of the facility committee, visited my office Saturday to report there are a few vandalism problems at the complex.

Joy riders cut across the playing fields, the utility gates have been damaged, windows have been broken, a power meter's glass broken, etc.

To see the dreams and heartaches of so many people being tarnished by some vandals is really a serious crime.

I encourage anyone viewing any person, or persons doing anything out of the way at the soccer complex to call the Hancock County Sheriff's office, 467-5101, immediately.

Many residents are happy with the news that the Hancock County Board of Supervisors has passed a zoning ordinance.

The supervisors' meeting room was filled with concerned residents on Monday when the event took place. A zoning ordinance for the county had been discussed for several decades. This I feel is an important step for county leaders to take, as it will benefit the area for many years to come.

The vote by the supervisors was 4-1. There are still a few who do not think a zoning ordinance is needed, but in America everyone is entitled to their own opinion.

The Hancock County Planning Commission needs to be commended, too, as they have put in many long hours in bringing the instrument together for the county.

Congratulations are in order for our Hancock County Board of Supervisors for passing the ordinance.

Their efforts should benefit Hancock County for many years to come.

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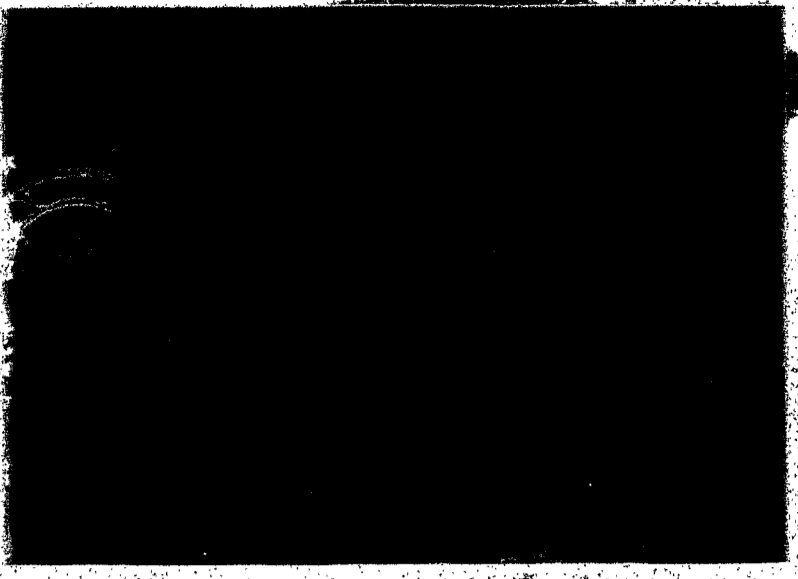


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Veterans Service Officer**

Q. I have a National Service Life Policy and would like to change the beneficiary of this insurance policy. What do I have to do?

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Why not reward performance?

The Mississippi Legislature is going to tackle the thorny issue of teacher pay when it meets in January, and already the battle lines are forming.

The Joint Legislative Budget Committee took the unusual step of including a 3 percent raise for educators in the 1997-98 budget. The Committee took another even more unusual step. It recommended an additional 3 percent in 1998-99 and another 3 percent in 1999-2000.

And, in the legislature's usual fashion, the raise will apply to across the board to all educators, "including administrators, school board members, and other school personnel."

Across the board?

Yes. Every teacher and administrator, regardless of competence, will get the same percentage increase.

What about teachers and administrators at schools on academic probation, where students are being shortchanged? What about schools that are so

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**Q & A
By Steven A. Patterson**

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Q. Who has responsibility for paying medical bills of a suspect in the custody of a sheriff and in need of medical attention?

A. A suspect should pay his own medical bills. If the suspect is indigent and cannot pay, he should be treated as a state and patient. If state and does not pay any or all of the bill, then the county board of supervisors is responsible. (Attorney General's opinion to Jones dated Nov. 22, 1996)

Q. May an officer or agent of a corporation represent the corporation in justice court?

A. Yes. A duly authorized officer or agent of a corporation may act on behalf of the corporation in justice court.

Q. May the county pay for a separate telephone for inmate housed in a supervisor's home to be used for family contact?

A. Yes. If the board of supervisors approves the expenditure, such a county funded line may be used for family contact. (Attorney General's opinion to Bailey dated Nov. 22, 1996)

Q. Is there a statute of limitations on the collection of an uncollected tax which has been assessed by a justice court?

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BETWEEN THE LINES

By Richard Meek

Cinderella will receive an invitation to the NFL's grand ball, but yet to be determined is whose dancing slippers she will be wearing.

By late Sunday, the fairytale season of either the Jacksonville Jaguars or the New England Patriots will have added one more chapter. These two surprising teams, one still an NFL toddler, will determine the AFC's entry into Super Bowl XXXI.

Carolina, another football infant, also has an opportunity to extend what has been a resplendent season. But the Panthers' carriage ride will come to an end on the resodded ice rink in Green Bay.

The surprising results of the NFL's post season party has all but assured that Hancock County native Brett Favre and the rest of the Packers will hang another Roman Numeral championship banner in Tittletown.

Because of Favre, and the Saints Alumni Club playing for Carolina, local interest in the Green Bay-Panther matchup is high. But the more intriguing game will be in Foxboro, where the Patriots, given up for Cape Cod scrap early in the season, have overcome a dismal start and persistent rumors of coach Bill Parcells' imminent departure.

Reports still promise Parcells' defection, but those rumors have not affected the team's performance. New England's high-octane offense decimated a Pittsburgh defense generally regarded as one of the league's best. This was the same Steeler defense that led Pittsburgh to the big dance a year ago.

Pat quarterback Drew Bledsoe has matured into the potential he showed early in his career, and Curtis Martin has blossomed to give New England a more than adequate running game.

But the Pats' road to Bourbon Street is being blocked by the giant-slaying Jaguars. First, Jacksonville KO'd Buffalo at home, where a Bills' home loss in January occurs about as infrequent as a Shaquille O'Neal assist.

Then, the upstart Jags swaggered into Mile High Stadium and showed little respect for Denver in a convincing 28-23 upset of the Broncos. Jacksonville's victory in Denver ranks as one of the biggest upsets in NFL playoff history. The Broncos had posted the league's best regular season at 13-3, and after coming off of a bye week, were expected to have little trouble with a second year expansion team.

After falling behind 12-0 at halftime, however, the Jaguars shut down John Elway and the rest of the Broncos. Only late but nearly meaningless heroics by Elway made the game appear close.

Jacksonville quarterback Mark Brunell has assumed the

status as one of the league's best, and is being compared favorably with Steve Young, another lefty with Super Bowl credentials.

Don't count this team out. The Jaguars, winners of seven straight, were not even considered playoff contenders until late in the year. Then, experts predicted an early exit in Buffalo, and a certain crash back to reality in Denver. But the Bills and Broncos are still digging out from the Jaguar avalanche.

For Saints fans, at least those on the Gulf Coast, loyalties will be split when Carolina travels to frigid Wisconsin. From the coach to several key players, Carolina, also barely out of NFL diapers in its second year, has a distinct Saints flavor.

Saints fans watched with mixed emotion last Sunday as tight end Wesley Walls and linebacker Sam Mills played critical roles in the Panthers' upset of the Dallas Jai-lboys, the next guests on the television show COPS.

Walls caught an early touchdown pass from Kerry Collins, and Mills, one of the most popular Saints in team history, intercepted a Troy Aikman pass with seconds remaining to end the Jai-lboys' heinous reign as NFL champs.

Of course, then came the post-game jubilation, where ex-Saint assistant and now Carolina head coach Dom Capers was accepting accolades from players and the media.

Carolina's success is Tom Benson's failure as an NFL owner.

But even Carolina's stingy defense will be unable to dethrone Green Bay. With tight end Mark Chmura back in the stable, and Andre Rison and Antonio Freeman as wideouts, Favre's arsenal is complete.

Remember, too, Favre is undefeated in games at Lambeau Field when the game-time temperature is at 35 or below. Sunday's temperature should be lower than Favre's No. 4.

Forget Favre for a moment, however. This one is for popular Packer defensive end Reggie White. White is the team's emotional leader, and as he approaches his autumn years, the motivation for the Packers is to present one of the game's best-ever defensive players with a championship ring. Amazingly, White has not played on a championship team on any level.

If the Pack is unable to return the aptly named Vince Lombardi trophy to Wisconsin this year, then it will not happen in the Favre/Mike Holmgren era. Carolina's defeat took the monkey off of the Packers' shoulders that was Dallas. The Jai-lboys have blocked the Pack's Super Bowl path the last two years.

Although Green Bay fans chanted for Dallas to whip Carolina, an emotional burden was lifted off of the Pack by the Panthers' victory. Now, instead

Cinderella will be dancing

of fighting history and self-doubt, the Pack can go out and do what they do best: Play good defense, and let Favre and his talented playmates take care of the rest.

Carolina is a good team, but no match for the Packers. Not yet, anyway. Look for Green Bay to win going away. Final score, Packers 31-13.

It will matter little who the Packers will face from the AFC. Either the Jaguars or Panthers will only be fodder for the powerful Pack in their coronation in New Orleans, Early Super Bowl prediction: Green Bay 42, AFC opponent (who cares?) 10.

Boys Town of New Orleans is honoring Grambling coach Eddie Robinson on Jan. 22 at a noon luncheon at the Hilton Hotel. There can be no more of a deserving honoree.

In my years of covering SWAC football, which included numerous Bayou Classics, Robinson was always an example of style and class. He always handled himself with dignity, even after tough losses.

But "Coach Rob's" legacy extends far beyond the playing field. He has helped countless young men turn their lives around, and channel their energies into productive lifestyles. He has been a role model for not only football players, but young athletes of all race and age.

Robinson put a small North Louisiana town on the football map. While it is true the Grambling program has undergone some unfavorable publicity re-

cently, Robinson's overall impact to the game and the lives of probably thousands of young men's lives cannot be lessened. He embodies what a college football coach should be to his school, and to his players.

The board acted correctly when it voted to give Robinson one more year. After 50 years, he deserves a farewell tour.

Also to be commended is Boys Town for honoring the coach. Incidentally, Waveland Mayor John Mason, a former resident and outspoken advocate of Boys Town, will sing the National Anthem.

Forensic science taught

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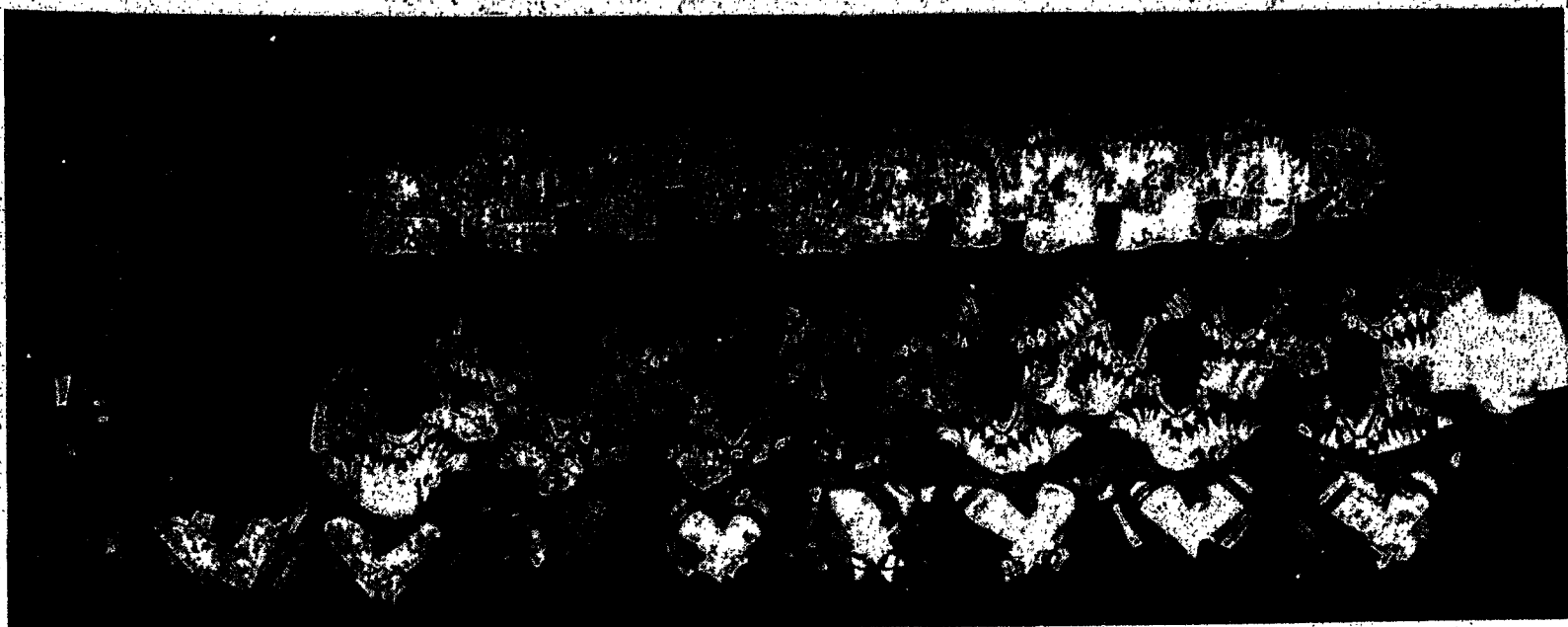
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Rock-A-Chaw soccer team

The defending state champion St. Stanislaus soccer team has posted a 7-6-5 record this season. Monday night, the Rocks defeated St. John 4-0. Kippy Chamberlain, Mark Gagnon, Chris Genin and Justin Wadsworth each scored one goal. A.J. Pace contributed two assists, and Neil Favre recorded the shutout in goal. Team members include, front row from left, Rimmer Covington, Kippy Chamberlain, Patricio Ramirez, Morris Hamilton, Kyle Kidd, Edward Flores, Charles Raymond, Alan Jensen; middle row,

Ryan Hall, Chris Davis, A.J. Pace, Ronnie Vanney, John Ourso, Matt Dillenkoffer, Chris Genin, Brandon Lewis, John Rich, Jonathan Gagnon, Billy Powell, Jimmy Saucier; back row, Coach Tim Burns, Neil Favre, Phillippe Michel, Nick Middleton, Robbie Morrison, Gabriel de la Fuente, Mark Gagnon, Justin Wadsworth, Brandon Everett, Kile Foster, Ty McMichael, Brian McDonald, Roger Ridgeway and Kyle Edrington. (Echo staff photo by Randy Ponder)

Hansell nets hat trick, junior Rocks win 9-0

The St. Stanislaus Junior High soccer team began the new year Monday, downing the St. John Eagles Junior Varsity by a score of 9-0.

Taylor LaFontaine began the assault nine minutes into the match with a shot angled from the left corner.

Ten minutes later, Jeffrey Hansell dropped a blind pass to David Heaps, who one-touched a cross to Drew Cranford who headed the ball into the goal. Right before the half, Miguel Del Bosque connected on an assist from Nick Benvenuti to put the team up 3-0 at the break.

Five minutes into the second stanza, Heaps combined with Jimmy Strickland to assist Cranford with his second tally. Hansell connected from 18 yards out minutes later to make

the score 5-0.

LaFontaine struck paydirt again with an assist from Del Bosque, and Hansell scored two consecutive goals with assists from Del Bosque and Stephen Kulikowski. Finishing off the scoring was Matt Powell, who launched one from 25 yards out

into the upper corner of the goal.

Over and above the performance of the offense was that of the defense, who continually stymied the attacks of the visitors. Led by Bryce Breland and Billy Kenny in the middle and Kulikowski, Benvenuti, Gene

Bourgeois, and Evan Tusa on the outside, the Eagles rarely threatened the Rock goal.

The team returns to action Saturday morning in Covington as they take on the Northlake Christian Academy junior varsity at 11 a.m. The junior Rocks are 5-1 for the season.

Gulf Coast Running Club Calendar of Events

Jan. 25	YMCA Winter Classic
Feb. 8	Valentine's Day
Feb. 22	Arbor Day
Mar. 1	Homeport Causeway C.
Mar. 15	St. Patrick's Day
Apr. 19	Soil Conservation
Apr. 26	Gulf Coast Classic
May 10	10 Singing River Hospital
May 17	Pursuit of Fitness

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10K & 5K	Pascagoula	9 a.m.
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Mar. 22	Azalea Trail Run	10K & 2 Mile	Mobile	8 a.m.
Mar. 29	Crescent City Classic	10K	New Orleans	9 a.m.
Apr. 20	Planet Hollywood	5K & 1 Mile	New Orleans	8:30 a.m.
May 3	Fiesta Five Flags	10K & 5K	Pensacola	8 a.m.

For GCRRC entry forms, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to GCRRC, P.O. Drawer 3569, Gulfport, MS 39503 or call Leonard Verjuntz (601) 875-6855.

NOTE: Please consult the official race entry form to verify the correct date, starting time and location of each race before traveling to the scheduled event. Participants need to arrive at the starting/registration location at least 30 minutes before the start. Race day registration available for all of the above events.

Lady Wildcats lose

Pearl River Community College's Lady Wildcats dropped an 89-69 decision to Pensacola Junior College Friday in a road battle that saw the PRCC women's overall record drop to 4-6.

Head Coach Polly Kirkland said her units played a solid game.

"We really didn't play that badly," Kirkland said, noting her unit was to take on Copiah-Lincoln Tuesday at Wesson at 6 p.m. to open its post-Christmas South Division slate.

Pearl River trailed 47-30 at the half, but PJC powered to a 20-point winning edge in the second half.

Sophomore forward Punkin Byrd paced the PRCC ladies with a game-high 28 points, while freshman April Wilson added 18. Wilson also led the team with 12 rebounds and

bucketed one three-pointer. Collette Sibley had 11, Carla James 10, and Leigh Slocum had two.

From the foul line, PRCC was 22 of 28 (79 percent), while Pensacola was 11 of 15 (73 percent).

PRCC's ladies resume division action Thursday with a road trip to Utica to take on the Hinds Lady Eagles (6 p.m. tip-off), then host the Southwest Lady Bears at 6 p.m. Monday in M. R. White Coliseum on the Poplarville campus. PRCC's men play immediately following the women's games.

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SSC defeats Bay High, 64-54

BY RICHARD MEEK
St. Stanislaus won few points for style but maintained a share of first place in the District 7A race with a 64-54 victory over Bay High on Tuesday night in the annual Mayor's Cup game at Bay High.

The victory sets up the Rocks showdown with Picanine Friday for at SSC for the district lead. Stanislaus is 13-5, 3-0, Picanine 17-3, 6-0.

"We did not do a good job of controlling the basketball," Rock coach Jay Ladner said after watching his team commit 21 turnovers.

"We went through stretches of poor shot selection and quick shots," he added. "But that goes back to guard play. Our guards are young and still learning."

Bay High, 6-11, 3-3, led 4-2 early on baskets by Jason Robinson and Steve Lizana. But Derek Bradley scored eight consecutive points for the Rocks, including a pair of three-pointers, to give SSC a 10-4 lead with 3:05 left in the first quarter.

Bradley, recently inserted

into the starting lineup, finished with a game-high 20 points and grabbed seven rebounds.

The Tigers answered with a 11-6 run to cut the lead to 16-15 with 5:20 left in the first half. The Tigers pulled to within one on several occasions but were unable to regain the lead.

"We got in foul trouble early and that forced us to change our game plan," Bay High coach Doug Bazzell said. "We had to go to our bench."

Lizana, one of the Tigers' top scorers, was saddled with three early fouls and finished with only three points. Lizana picked up his third foul with 5:04 left in the first half and the Tigers trailing 18-15. By halftime, the Rocks would have a 33-24 lead.

Besides his scoring, Lizana's presence was also missed on the boards. Bay was outrebounded 44-23, 23-9 in the second half.

"They killed us on the boards," Bazzell said. "We missed (Lizana). He is young, and has a lot to learn. He's picking up a lot of his fouls after

missing a shot."

Stanislaus opened the third quarter with a 6-2 run to take a 39-26 lead with 6:12 left. But Robinson stripped the Rock guards on two consecutive possessions, and Ron Brown on another as the Tigers cut the lead to 39-33 with 4:50 left.

"We had them down, but could not finish them," Ladner said. "Most of our turnovers were ridiculous. We should not be making those mistakes."

Stanislaus went on another run and built a 57-40 lead with 4:36 left in the game. But the pesky Tigers, ignited by Price's consecutive three-pointers, cut the deficit to 59-50 with 1:42 left.

But the Tigers would come no closer, a result of poor shot selection and sloppy ball handling.

"We must learn to play under control," Bazzell said. "There was a lot of hype for this game because the players know each other, and each other's families. But they have to learn to play within themselves."

Mike Fenasi and Paul Farve scored 10 points each for SSC. Fenasi also grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds.

Farve started in place of guard Honore Hazeur, who is battling back from an injury. Hazeur played sparingly on Tuesday, but was his first action after being sidelined the last three games.

Reion Galloway and Price led the Tigers with 11 points each, but Galloway was scoreless in the second half.

In girls' play, Bay High defeated Northshore from Slidell 52-38 in a nondistrict game on

Tuesday. Alicia Gavagnia led the Lady Tigers, 17-2 and winners of 15 straight, with 20 points. Bay High has not lost since dropping its district opener on Nov. 12 against Picanine.

Lisa Yarborough added 10 points for the Lady Tigers.

Mandy Theobald scored 31 points to lead Pass Christian to a 57-45 victory over Mercy Cross Tuesday at Pass Christian. The Lady Pirates are 6-12.

Pass Christian made it a sweep with a 67-62 victory in the boys' game. Sammy Morgan led the Pirates, 11-7, with 15 points. Darrell Dedeaux scored 13 points and Rudy Bell 11 for Pass High.



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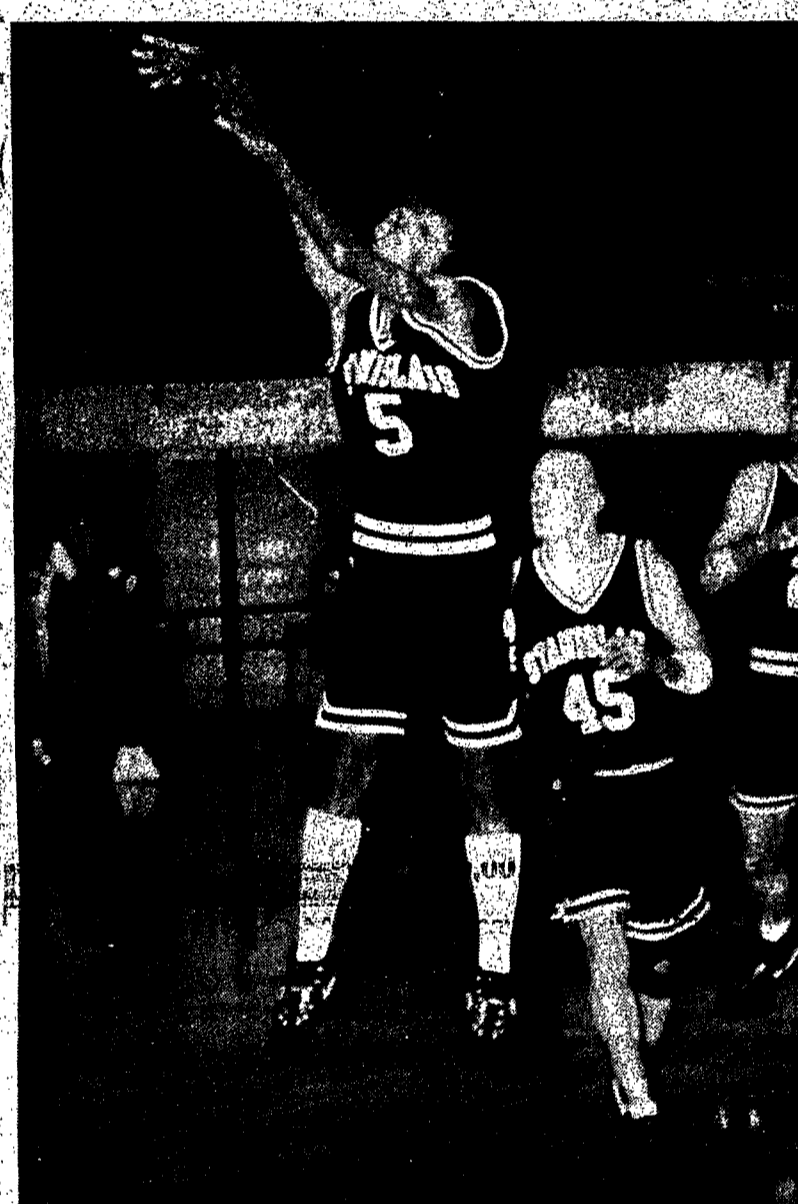
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Davis goes up for two

Junior Davis (5) of St. Stanislaus releases a jumper as Derek Bradley (45) looks on in the Rocks 64-54 victory over Bay High Tuesday night in the Mayor's Cup. (Photo by Chuck Dutil)

Wolves' goalie All-Star

Rookie goaltender Sylvain Daigle of the East Coast Hockey League expansion franchise Mississippi Sea Wolves, has been selected as a starter in the 1997 Bud Ice ECHL All-Star game. The game will be played Tuesday, Jan. 22 in Charlotte, SC.

The All-Star team will face the 1996 defending Riley Cup Champion Charlotte Checkers in the match. Faceoff is set for 7:35 p.m. at Independence Arena with the finals of the Bud Ice Skills Competition being held between periods of the contest.

Daigle, who was voted on by all of the head coaches of the ECHL, has led the expansion Sea Wolves to a record of 18-11-7, good for second place in the ECHL South Division.

His record between the pipes for Mississippi is 14-4-4 with a Goal Against Average (GAA) of 3.11 and a Save Percentage (SPCT) of 0.915.

Daigle also recorded his first professional shutout Nov. 16 vs

Tallahassee. Daigle was also awarded the ECHL's Player of the Week award for the week ending Nov. 17.

Daigle, one of the youngest players in all of the ECHL, hails from St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, where he played three years for Shawinigan in the Ontario Hockey League. He joined the Sea Wolves after being assigned by the Springfield Falcons of the AHL.

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Financial resolutions for everyone's list

Have you set New Year's resolutions for 1997? Just in case you need ideas, here are my suggestions.

*** Update financial goals.** "If you aim at nothing, you'll hit it every time." Financial goals are the key to hitting your mark in the money management game.

Set short-term goals to be accomplished in '97. Review progress toward intermediate and long-term goals. Are you \$100 closer or \$1,000 closer to the home renovations you want? How much further is there to go? Has superior investment performance helped boost retirement funds?

Revise last year's savings allocations. Have you changed your mind about some goals? Reroute funds to attain high priority goals.

I am increasing retirement contributions in 1997, checking off short-term goals accom-

plished last year, and reducing savings dedicated to vehicle replacement as we have almost reached that goal.

A lot of people believe that financial goals are mainly for the young — that by retirement they must have achieved their goals. Quite the contrary, goals are just as critical, and often more complex and challenging in retirement years.

I envision my own retirement goals to include stretching the retirement nest egg to age 95 and beyond, estate planning to optimize benefits for family and charity, saving for travel around the world, and budgeting for all the flowers I can plant in my yard.

*** Prepare a net worth statement.** List all of what you own and what you owe.

Compare this year's net worth statement to last year's. How much progress was made?



CONSUMER UPDATE

By Jan Lukens, MBA, CFP
Consumer Money Management Specialist

How much of your income did you contribute to increase the asset base? How much is attributable to investment gains?

Are liabilities decreasing? If not, was the increase in debt used to accomplish a goal?

The net worth statement is also a useful tool for another

phase of financial planning — asset allocation. Divide assets into some broad asset classes such as the following:

- * Cash
- * Fixed income
- * Growth and Income (U.S. stock in large to mid-sized companies)
- * Growth (International)
- * Aggressive Growth (Small company stock)
- * Real Estate

Now calculate the percentage of your total portfolio that each category represents. Are you where you should be based upon your age, risk tolerance, and investment philosophy? Have percentages shifted as one type investment grows faster or slower than another? Most of us need to do some shifting of assets or investment contributions at least once a year.

*** Get a copy of your Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement for the Social Security Administration (SSA).** SSA encourages workers to get a copy every three years to check work records, verify credits earned and catch potential errors.

A regular Social Security check-up helps monitor retirement planning projections. It helps you calculate the amount of retirement income you must generate to bridge the widening gap between the cost of living and what Social Security pays.

*** Check financial documents** including the will, living will and power of attorney. Update beneficiary designations and instructions so that assets can be handled efficiently in the event of your death or incapacity.

Promotions announced at Grand

Grand Casino Biloxi and Gulfport announce the following promotions:

Dwight Savell has assumed the position of vice president of compliance and surveillance for Grand Casino Gulfport and Grand Casino Biloxi. Savell began his career with Grand Casino Inc. in 1993 as corporate director of investigations and compliance.

His previous experience includes being a state trooper, deputy state fire marshal, gaming

enforcement agent with the Mississippi Gaming Commission, and special agent in charge of enforcement for the state of Mississippi.

Savell will be responsible for the areas of compliance, licensing, investigation and surveillance for all the Grand properties, excluding Stratosphere.

Jeff Hornby has been named senior vice president of administration at Grand Casino Biloxi. Most recently he was vice president of finance. Hornby

has 10 years of gaming experience, seven of which were spent working at Caesar's in Lake Tahoe as director of finance and management information systems. Hornby's responsibilities will include coordinating the efforts of several departments, including table games, slots, guest services and systems.

Setuko "Sam" Donham has moved from senior vice president of administration at Grand Casino Gulfport to senior vice president of administration at Grand Casino Biloxi. Donham started her career with Grand Casino Inc. in 1992 as chief financial officer at Grand Casino Hinckley. In 1995 Donham was appointed acting general manager of Grand Casino Hinckley before her move to Grand Casino Gulfport. Donham's responsibilities include finance, training and associate development, facilities and hotel.

Barry Morris has been promoted to senior vice president of administration at Grand Casino Gulfport. Previously, he served as vice president of table games, also in Gulfport. Morris began his career with Grand Casino Inc. in 1993 as an executive casino host.

Morris has 20 years of gaming experience, 14 of which were spent working at Paradise Island in the Bahamas evolving into the director of casino marketing. Morris will assist the general manager in all facets of operation of the Gulfport property.

Edward Jones recognized by two national magazines

Edward Jones scored No. 1 in Registered Representative magazine's 1996 survey of the nation's top eight financial services firms, and made its third appearance on the "Forbes 500" list of the 500 largest private companies in the country, based on revenues.

This is the fourth consecutive year Jones took first place in Registered Representative's survey, which polls 400 brokers who grade their firms on 19 different categories. Jones scored higher than any firm on 15 of those categories.

"Year after year, our investment representatives tell Registered Representative the same thing — this firm puts the needs of our customers and their brokers ahead of everything else. We're known for personal attention and outstanding customer service," said Craig W. Foster, the local Edward Jones investment representative.

In the Registered Representative survey, brokers gave Edward Jones an A+, the highest grade possible, in the overall categories of work environment and management, and an A in support and product. The firm's ranking in quality of research improved from seven out of eight last year to No. 3 this year.

Investment representatives gave Jones nearly perfect scores of 9.9 out of 10 in the areas of freedom from pressure to sell certain products and overall ethics of the firm. Other categories that resulted in scores above 9.0 include sales support, ongoing training, quote and information system, quality of operations, quality of products offered, strategic focus, image with the public, realistic sales quotas and payout.

Edward Jones' 270th place ranking in the Forbes magazine's "Forbes 500" is up 16 places from the 1995 ranking. The ranking is based on Jones' 1996 reported revenues of \$720 million with operating profits of \$104 million and net profits of \$58 million. In terms of estimated income, however, Jones ranks 64th on the list.

For the purpose of the Forbes ranking, a private company is defined as one that "doesn't have enough common shareholders to be forced to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or if it has a lot of shareholders but they are limited to a select group, such as employees." Edward Jones is owned exclusively by its employees.

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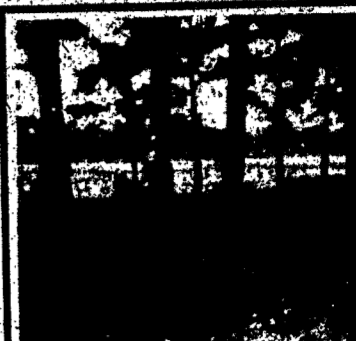
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Zoning

effort of the Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District, the Gulf Regional Planning Commission and Hancock County's Planning Commission.

Beginning last February and into March, the county's Planning Commission held four informational hearings throughout Hancock County to get citizens input into zoning maps and the wording of the ordinance. Reaction to the legislation was evenly divided. In early May, the Planning Commission formally endorsed the ordinance, and supervisors set a May 28 public hearing on it.

Less than 50 attended the public hearing and most opposed zoning. But most supervisors felt the opposition was hardly representative of a

county population that has topped 34,000.

However, more fine tuning was made to the final zoning boundaries and the text, and at the suggestion of District 3 Supervisor Lisa Coward, another public hearing was scheduled in late December. That hearing also brought out mostly the opposition.

The Planning Commission endorsed the final product at its meeting Jan. 2, and Attorney John Seafide came before supervisors Monday to tell them the Commission "unanimously recommended" they adopt the zoning ordinance.

Approval came quickly without little comment, except from Pullman. Pullman said he cast the "no" vote after talking with residents from Pearlinton and

others he represents in District 2. He said the feeling was they wanted the question put up to public vote.

Supervisors had to pass companion measures relative to the zoning ordinance, and Pullman joined in supporting these resolutions.

One requires a "Certificate of Compliance" and sets a fee of \$15 before a property owner can do anything on a piece of property. The fee would be waived for anyone living in the flood zone, since they are now required to pay for an Flood Plain Elevation Certificate.

Others requests which would require hearings seeking waivers to the ordinance or text or map changes would pay a \$50 fee. The monies generated go into the county's general fund. By resolution, supervisors

also formally asked Mississippi Power Company and Coast Electric to withhold permanent electricity hookup to residents who do not have a Certificate of Compliance. Temporary power connections would be allowed during any construction phase.

Supervisors also designated Bill Gavney, the county's Housing Inspector, as the county's Zoning Enforcement Officer. He would be the person who issues the compliance certificates and schedules hearings on waivers before the Planning Commission.

At the end of the meeting, Pullman was joined by District 1 Supervisor Jeep Ladner in publicly thanking the Planning Commission for the long hours and work they put into the zoning ordinance.

"I'm backing you 100 percent," said Ladner.

Before that, former supervisor Jerry Ladner, who lives in Waveland and is protected by zoning, vowed to continue his fight against countywide zoning.

Ladner told supervisors, "We'll go all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court if we have to (to overturn the zoning ordinance)."

At the start of the public hearings, Jerry Ladner led a citizens group and circulated a petition calling for zoning to be put before a vote of the people.

However, Board Attorney Gerald Gex obtained an Attorney General's opinion that stated supervisors have the sole authority to enact a zoning ordinance after a public hearing.

Gex reiterated that opinion to Ladner, but explained any part of the ordinance can be litigated in Circuit Courts by an individual challenging the regulations.

Following the vote, Board President Philip Moran said he felt there was "a clear consensus" among most supervisors that a county zoning ordinance was needed to protect neighborhoods and provide for orderly growth in a county that is experiencing a building and industrial boom.

"We were elected promising to bring this county into the 21st century," said Moran, "and this ordinance will help."

Moran added, "I'm sure once

it's in place, folks that are skeptical or concerned about it now will find out it is not the monster it was purported to be."

Moran said during his first year on the Board, "We (the supervisors) heard all kinds of horror stories about somebody putting pigsties next to their house or creating other unsightly problems."

"We couldn't help them then, but now we can protect them from future infringement," said Moran.

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not as strict as some of us would like to see it. But it's a step in the right direction. You must crawl before you can walk."

Waveland realtor Keith Mitchell said that although zoning would not have an immediate impact, the longterm effect is positive.

"This will help stabilize prices," Mitchell said. "In the long run, this will be one of the better things this new group of supervisors has done. There is a lot of potential for development."

"Time will show it was a good move."

Mitchell said it was "incredible" to have large developments not subject to any zoning ordinances.

"This is wonderful," he said. "It helps control how the county can be developed."

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President Jerry Heitzmann said the ordinance would immediately increase the value of commercial property. Since zoning restricts commercial development to certain areas, commercial property becomes that much more valuable, Heitzmann explained.

Heitzmann added that in the long run, the new ordinance will mean higher property values in residential areas also. Heitzmann said that without zoning, a house priced at \$50,000 in one neighborhood may be valued considerably less in another if it's in close proximity to a "hog pen or a falling down trailer."

"In the long run, zoning will pay off by controlling what goes where," he said. "Ultimately, it will result in higher appraisals."

Walters praised the supervisors' timing in adopting the or-

dinance, since the construction of Wellman and other spinoff industries should bring many more people to the area. Walters said a lack of zoning has forced many families relocating to the area to settle in surrounding counties or parishes.

He said visiting prospects often ask to see residential developments or neighborhoods, of which there exists a shortage in the county.

"We then get criticized explaining why people are looking for housing in other places," Walters said. "That kind of quality of life exists there."

"Why not here? Part of the reason is zoning and codes."

"There are not many respectable developers that are going to build houses when you have no zoning or codes," Walters added.

Obits

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GERTRUDE A. SCHMIDT
Mrs. Gertrude A. Schmidt, 82, of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 1996, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Schmidt was a native of Bay St. Louis and a lifelong resident of Pass Christian, where she was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Joseph and Laura Franco Fernandez; two brothers, Joe Norris, Ernest Norris and John Fernandez; and a sister, Leola Demetz.

Survivors include her husband, Emile Schmidt of Pass Christian; a son, Earl J. "Mike" Cox of Long Beach; a daughter, Patricia D. Kelly of Gulfport; four sisters, Juanita "Bootsie" Woodcock of Gulfport, Mary Demetz, Inez Pogue and Helena Chambliss, all of Pass Christian; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Monday at St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian. Burial was in Live Oak Cemetery.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

ANN C. TORGENSEN
Ann Christine "Chris" Torgersen, 51, of Bay St. Louis, died Thursday, Jan. 2, 1997, in Slidell.

Mrs. Torgersen was co-founder of Hot Sticks Manufacturing Co. Inc., the world's largest manufacturer of colored drumsticks. She was an artist.

Survivors include her long-time companion, Kevin Pokalus; her parents, Harold "Bob" and Gergette Torgersen, all of Bay St. Louis; a brother, Robert Harold "Buzzy" Torgersen of Piquette; and a sister, Cynthia "Cindy" Torgersen Stumpf of Gretna, La.

Visitation was Sunday evening at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Services were conducted Monday at the funeral home chapel with a private burial.

The family prefers memorials to the Hancock County Humane Society.

HEARLEY WATKINS
Mrs. Hearley "Koko" Watkins, 50, of Bay St. Louis, died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 1996, in Bay

Peter Samuelson of Reunion Island, France, and Louis Durand of Australia; two daughters, Winnie Lennon and Andree Payet, both of Bay St. Louis; and seven grandchildren.

Visitation was Sunday evening at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Mass was celebrated Monday at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery.

SAMUEL WILBOURN
Samuel Otis (Huck) Wilbourn, 81, of Water Valley, Miss., died Sunday, Jan. 5, 1997, in Water Valley.

Mr. Wilbourn was a retired carpenter and farmer. He was a

member of Campground Baptist Church in Water Valley.

Survivors include his wife, Faye J. Wilbourn of Water Valley; a daughter, Mary Lynn Bonner of Greenwood, Miss.; three sons, Sammy Lee Wilbourn of Bay St. Louis, Albert Ray Wilbourn of Starkville and Billy Wilbourn of Water Valley; a brother, Albert S. (Billy) Wilbourn of Paducah, Ky.; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Monday evening at Browning Funeral Home in Water Valley. Services and burial were Tuesday in Pinecrest Cemetery in Water Valley.

Track

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The district had previously paid Southwest \$34,000 on another change order. Both change orders are related to extra fill used in construction.

Artigues had threatened to dip into bond money Southwest posted to have the striping completed.

"We have made an offer of \$20,000 (on the second change order)," Artigues said. "Southwest has promised to start the striping by Jan. 16."

"We were going to proceed under the performance bond to have the work completed."

The striping dispute is only the latest in a long series of delays. Last January, Bay High Athletic Director Debbie Triplett agreed to change the Tigers soccer schedule so the field could be freed and construction could begin no later than Feb. 1.

Originally, plans were to have the track completed in time for Bay High's graduation last May. But bad weather and the unexpected relocation of the visitors' side bleachers and the scoreboard delayed the start of construction until the middle of April.

Graduation was ultimately held at the stadium.

"It has been extremely frustrating," said Board President David Triplett, who was Board Secretary at the time the contract was first awarded.

(Southwest) did not hold up their end of the bargain," he added. "We have been in a constant state of flux since then."

including the relocation of the bleachers and scoreboard should come in around \$300,000. Costs for the necessary track equipment, including hurdles, pole vaults, and other necessities, is estimated around \$14,000, although the bulk of that will be paid for by funds donated by the Athletic Booster Club funds.

"It's been a long time needed," Triplett said. "The board had a mindset to put the track in. It's been a sore subject but it's needed."

Early in the fall, the board discussed the possibility of hosting the District 7-4A meet at the new facility in the spring. But the board followed Triplett's recommendation to postpone hosting the meet for another year.

DMR public hearing

The Department of Marine Resources will hold a public hearing Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 6:30 p.m. to receive public comments on the proposed Mississippi Sound National Marine Sanctuary.

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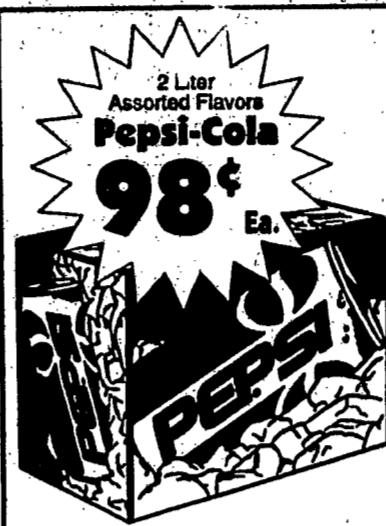
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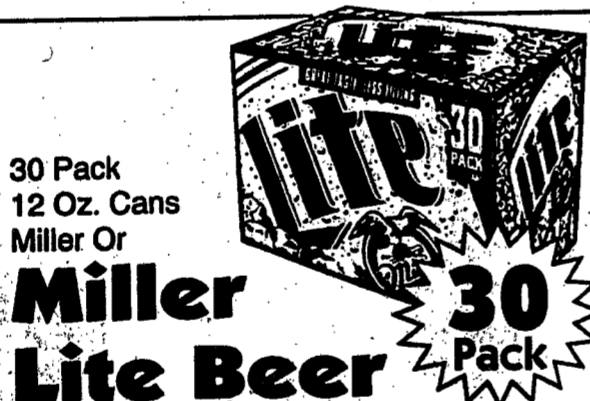
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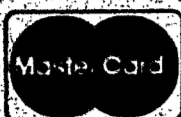
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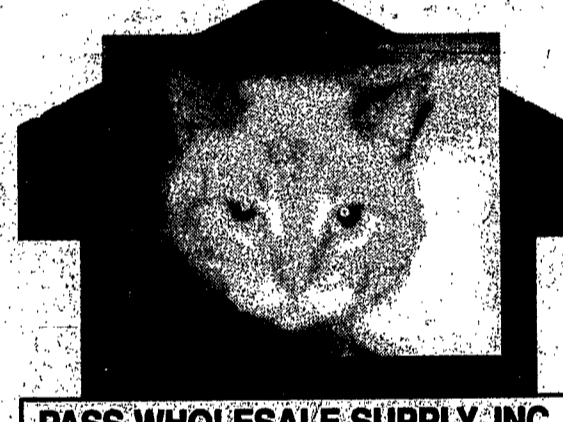
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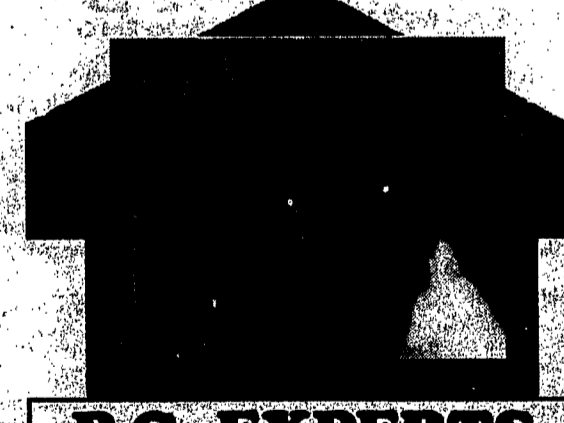
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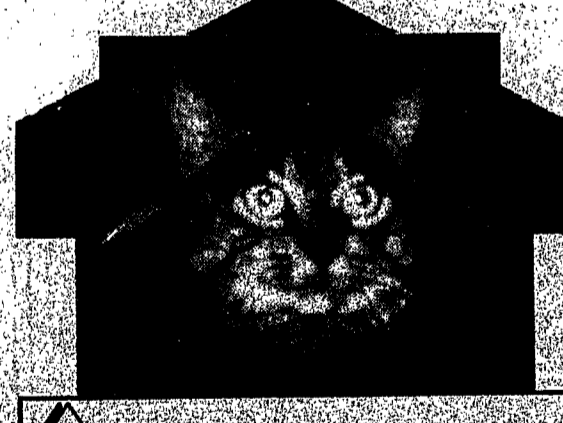
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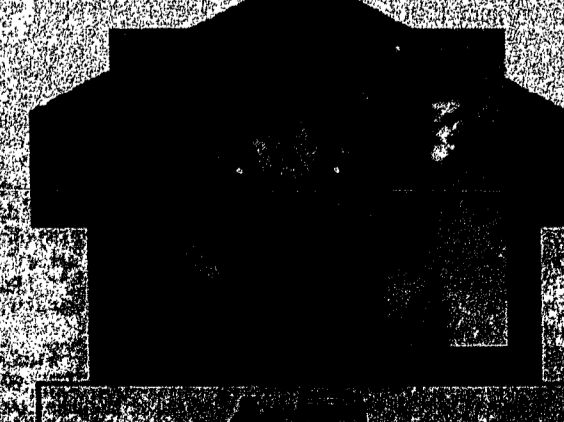
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